Bird hit cases at airports

89. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been a number of bird hit incidents at different airports in the country endangering the lives of passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. There has been no accident or major incident endangering the lives of passengers during the last three years due to bird hit.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government have ensured many preventive measures. Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airports where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various steps have been taken to reduce bird hits inside and outside the airports such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage dalaos, establishment of modern abattoris, scaring and shooting of birds etc.

Maintenance of aircrafts

90. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are well aware that these days the civil aircrafts are not properly checked before taking off;

(b) if so, the details of the cases where complaints of tyre bursts of such aircrafts have come to the notice of Government during the last six months;

(c) the action taken against the persons responsible for negligence in the performance of their duty; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken for proper maintenance and checking of the civil aircrafts in future?